to protect the interests of the workers. However, review and updation of these laws is a continuous process. Amendments in the Trade Unions Act, 1926 and the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 have been carried out recently.

Besides this, a scheme for counselling, re-training and re-deployment of rationalized workers of Central Public Sector Undertakings has also been introduced from 2001 -2002 with a thrust on self-employment of the rationalized employees.

ESI benefits to workers

2427. SHRIMATI S.C. INDIRA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has held that a worker shall be entitled to ESI benefits from the date of employment and not from the date of contribution/registration for such facility;

(b) if so, whether rules are being amended to provide for such a facility;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The provisions of ESI Act and the Rules & Regulations made thereunder already provide that employees in respect of whom contributions are or were payable under the Act are entitled to benefits subject to fulfilling the qualifying conditions.

Employment growth in organised industry

2428. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that growth of employment in organised industry and services both in the public and the private sector has lagged far behind the overall growth of the economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to boost up the employment opportunities in various sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) As per the information available from Employment Market Information Programme of Directorate General of Employment & Training, employment in the organised sector during 2000-2001 declined by approximately 0.61% as against 0.98% per annum growth of employment in organised and unorganised sector taken together during 1994-2000. The decline in organised sector employment was primarily due to decline in public sector employment.

(c) The Tenth Plan document focusses on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of 10th Plan would lay emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention would be paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities which have a large employment potential.

Structural reforms and globalisation

2429. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether structural reforms and globalisation adopted since 1991 has adversely affected employment growth, industrial growth and reduction of poverty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the employment and industrial growth during 1992-2002 as compared to 1982-1991; year-wise; and

(d) how Government propose to increase share of Private Sector in R&D?